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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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      ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
      iii. ☐ Other ____.
   b. ☒ Enclosed
      i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
      ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
      iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
      iv. ☒ Other Petition

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   b. ☐ Other ____

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      i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
      ii. ☒ Petition for one-month extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
      iii. ☐ Other ____
   c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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